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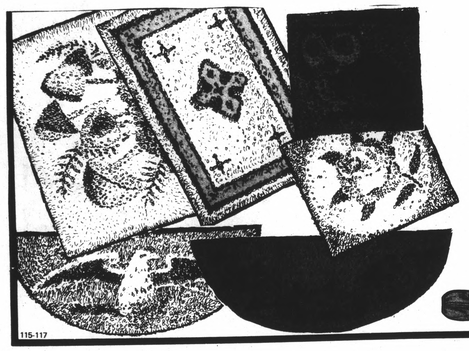

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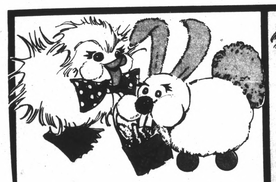

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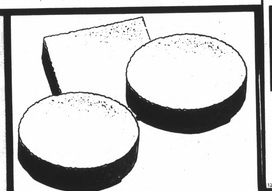

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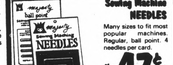

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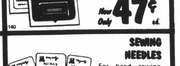

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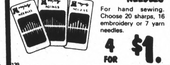

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Perhaps the item most read and listened to in February is the weather report and forecast. 'Tis now nearly noon on Monday and all is well on Martha Street. Save for one thing. It is the thirteenth of the month, and so I will hasten to dash off what I have to say, drive the copy over town and lay it on the desk of our esteemed news editor, Beck Hudson; speak to such friends as cross my path and return home to read, meditate and undertake assorted chores. Birds were at my bird feeder for breakfast before the morning prayers were said. There are several new birds at the picture window; the little chickadee I admired rounded up three friends and one time the four of'em were eating elbow to elbow with two red cardinals and a sparrow-type with a brick colored head and chest. I paid eighty two cents for a bag of smallbird seed and am satisfied with everything except the uninvited jaybird with an invalid credit card.

The fine gentleman who plows and discs my garden area tells me that it will take a lot of wind and sun to get that land dry enough for plowing. I read that statewide the underground water level is back to normal after many dry months. It seems that many areas of our nation have and are being set upon by violent rain and snow storms. I have never been in New England and it's it falls my lot to go it will not be in February. Have been to California and would like to go again, but not until the rain stops. Ah Martha Street, a dimple on the cheek of nature.

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Valentine Day. Remember the tiny candy hearts, size of a dime, with the words...I love you and/or Hi QT.

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I admire all farmers and especially salute the hard-working dairyman. I read that forty-nine per cent of our nation's dairy production comes from five states, Wisconsin, California, New York, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. Barry Beale (nee Catherine Richardson) visited us to bring a copy of The Culpeper News. It contained a write-up and picture of a home on East Street in which I once lived while attending Culpeper H. S. Mr. Beale is with C & P Telephone Co., and their home is on General Lee Avenue. Thanks. Mrs. Beale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richardson of Appomattox.

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Maryjane Smith, of Pamplin, is a star player on the Longwood College girls basketball team.

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I am reading the autobiography of William Allen White, the famed editor of the Emporia, Kansas, Gazette. Goodness, 670 pages and I am on page 178.

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In a conversation recently, the question came up...whatever happened to Thorsepen Lake?

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University of Maryland athletic teams are known as Terrapins. The terrapin is a seafood delicacy, long popular on the Delmarva peninsula. Back when I was a high school teacher in Accomack County, one of my star pupils was an artist and it was a privilege to receive her lab papers, Kathryn Mears was her name and her parents ran a terrapin farm, which I often visited. Guess "farm" is the word—pens along the shoreline of Onancock River just as it enters the Chesapeake Bay. I miss seafood. Goodness knows when I had even an oyster stew.

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Firmen and rescue squads were busy recently and once again we salute these dedicated citizens. Appomattox is a good town, in a good county and just keeps on growing. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Oral Cancer Detection Clinic Planned For February 26th

An Oral Cancer Detection Clinic has been planned in Appomattox on Sunday, February 26th, from 12 noon until 4 p.m.

The clinic, sponsored by the Appomattox County Unit of the American Cancer Society, will be held at the offices of Dr. S. R. Lawson and Dr. John Fedison on Court Street.

In addition to Dr. Lawson and Dr Fedison, plans are for four dentists and one or two oral surgeons from Lynchburg to be here to assist with the oral cancer detection clinic.

Assisting with the clinic will be volunteer members of the Board of Directors of the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society.

The clinic is FREE and is open to all citizens of the county. Take this opportunity to stop by and be checked out. If you should have a problem, early detection is the best cure!

New Hours Announced By Commissioner Of Revenue

The Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County, Monte Mays, announced this week that his office will remain open each day until 4:30 p.m. rather than closing at the usual hour of 4 p.m. The new hours which will remain in effect until April 15th are for the convenience of the taxpayers.

Mays also pointed out changes in this year's State Income Tax form as follows: 1 - to claim a deduction for child care on your State Income Tax Form, you must itemize the same deduction on both your State and Federal forms; 2 - those individuals who file joint returns on their Federal forms may use filing Status 4 on the State Income Tax Return if both husband and wife have income. This could lead to lower state tax due by the working couple.

Beginning March 4th, the office of the Commissioner of Revenue will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for the convenience of taxpayers to come in and complete tax forms or to pick up the necessary forms.

Beginning March 20th, the Commissioner of Revenue, Monte Mays, will be available in the following locations to assist people with filing tax forms: March 20 - Vera; March 21, Pamplin; March 22, Gladstone; March 23, Oakville; and March 24, Stonewall. The time and location will be announced at a later date.

Parents Invited To Discussion On Student Registration

Parents of students in the present seventh and eighth grades in Appomattox County School are invited to participate in a discussion pertaining to course offerings for the 1978-79 school session as scheduled: Date Monday, Feb. 29, 1978, 9:05 - 9:55 a.m., Cafeteria, AMS for grade 8. Monday, February 20, 1978, 10:00 - 10:55 a.m., Cafeteria AMS for grade 7. Monday night, Feb 20, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. at Cafeteria, AMS for grades 7 & 8.

The purpose of these meetings is to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings that will be available for the school year 1978-79. Also registration procedures will be explained. Personnel from the schools and

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APPOMATTOX COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Library will meet Monday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bob Jamerson on Walton Drive. This is a very important meeting and all Friends and those interested in joining are urged to attend.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD/CAMP TO MEET MON., FEB. 20

Woodmen of the World/ Camp 71 meets Monday, February 20, at 7:30 at the WOW hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Mr. Woodmen of 1977 will be elected and initiation of new members.

Ralph Reynolds, Secretary

Post Offices To Observe Holiday

The Appomattox and the Pamplin Post Offices will be closed Monday, February 20th, in the observance of George Washington's birthday.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery on this day.

Merchants Promoting First Washington's Birthday Sale

The Appomattox Merchants and Businessmen are beginning this year, the first of what they plan to become an annual event, a community-wide George Washington's Birthday sale.

The sale, which will begin on Thursday, February 16, and will continue through Friday, February 17, -Saturday, February 18, and Monday, February 20, will feature special bargains at very special prices to celebrate Washington's Birthday by saving money for the shoppers.

One store offers shoes for as low as $1.22 a pair; Chocolate Covered Cherries for only 22c a box; paper towels for 22c a roll. Another has Ladies Panty Hose for only $1.22 for 2 pair, All Weather Coats for $22.22 and Men's Ties for only $2.22.

An exceptional buy at another store is a Ladies Three-Piece Pant Suit for as low as $8.00 and ladies nylon tops for $3.00 for two.

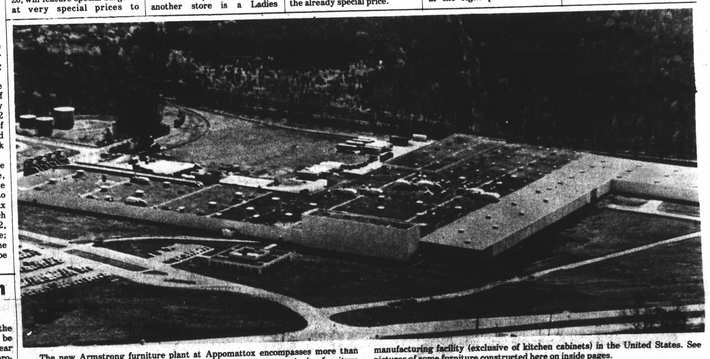
One furniture store offers a popular name-brand living room table for as low as $49.22 and another mattresses and matching box springs for the special price of $69.96. You can purchase name brand appliances for 10% off regular price and a wood stove for $22.00 off the already special price.

Many of the stores will feature tables of unusual bargains, with prices "chopped" for the sale days, bargains that you won't want to miss.

If it is transportation you need, now is the time to buy. There is something for everyone, whether you want a big luxury car or a small economical compact. One dealer advertises, "the right size car at the right price" for your family.

To top off your morning or evening of shopping, plan to have lunch or dinner at one of the many good places to eat in Appomattox.

Appomattox is a growing town and a growing county and we congratulate merchants and businessmen on their efforts in promoting this, the first Washington's Birthday Sale, in our area.



The new Armstrong furniture plant at Appomattox encompasses more than 600,000 square feet under roof, making it the largest single furniture manufacturing facility (exclusive of kitchen cabinets) in the United States. See pictures of some furniture constructed here on inside pages.

Banks To Observe Holiday

American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank, and First National Bank of Farmville Pamplin Branch will all be closed Monday, Feb. 20th. in observance of George Washington's birthday.

NO GARBAGE PICK-UP MONDAY

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Washington's birthday.

There will be no garbage pick-up on Monday, however town forces will be out at the usual time Tuesday to pick up your garbage and trash.

Blood Pressure Clinic Planned

"We're Fighting For Your Life" says the American Heart Association.

You can feel great, but still have high blood pressure even if you're young and healthy. High blood pressure can be controlled. If left alone, it can easily kill.

The American Heart Association says "Have your blood pressure checked today."

Blood Pressure clinics have been planned for Appomattox County citizens on Wed., Feb. 22 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sat., Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Triangle Plaza Shopping Center.

The clinic is FREE so stop by on one of these days, it may be the most important stop you've made in a long time.

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Two letters of interest to parents of students at Appomattox County High School are printed in this issue of the Times-Virginian and can be found on page 2 of this edition.

One letter concerns parents of high school seniors and the other concerns parents of all students in Appomattox County High School. You will want to read both these letters for information.

Bloodmobile Here Today

Delores Jones, Mary Martin, Jo Tuggle, and Roberta Coleman, seated, left to right; Elizabeth McCullock, Doris Dalton, Jeanette Christian, and Pam Watson, standing on front row, left to right, and left to right on the back row, Mildred Tyree, Gloria Dashton, Mary Stone, Louise Thompson, Becky Shorter and Jennie Towns all plan to donate a unit of blood today, Thursday, when the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m. Mrs. Towns is Chairman of the Blood Program for Appomattox County and the other ladies are employees at Sangfi Manufacturing Company. They urge you to come out and join them in donating a unit of blood.

The normal quota for this visit would be 110 units, but in order to make up for the shortage at our last visit we will need 150 units in order for Appomattox County to be 100% for the year to date. Seventeen year-olds are reminded that they may donate blood with parental consent and are urged to begin the habit of donating blood now! Consent forms may be gotten at your high school. Giving blood is easy, you hardly feel it. In fact some people say they feel much better after donating blood. Join the people that donate at almost every visit . . . be a blood donor and we can keep our county 100% of its quota.

Floored by the Price of Furniture

New Computerized Production Process At Appomattox Plant Helps Keep Furniture Prices Down, Quality High

One way that manufacturers attempt to hold the line on prices is through increased productivity...making more units for the same dollar of cost.

While the approach has worked well in some industries, it has proven to be an elusive goal for manufacturers of fine wood furniture. The problem here is that furniture-making is still basically a hand operation. Besides being labor-intensive, furniture requires a long lead time for the drying of lumber, and to make matters worse, there's considerable waste in the processing and handling of lumber.

Most furniture produceers, unable to speed up production or cut waste, have been forced to raise prices in order to keep up with inflation. That's why the dining room suite that cost $800 in 1972 retails for around $1200 today. In years to come, the price tag could go even higher.

One company, though, has taken a different approach. Convinced that modernization is the key to stable prices and consistent quality, it has invested heavily in new plant facilities to make furniture an entirely different way.

In the rolling hills of south central Virginia, near the historic town of Appomattox, this unique plant is turning out attractive, well-made furniture at prices considerably below the norm for this standard of quality. Operated by the Armstrong Division of Thomasville Furniture Industries, the factory produces popularly priced bedroom and functional pieces, in a variety of traditional and contemporary styles.

The furniture is marketed nationally under the names "First Family" and "Preferred Collection" (both adult bedroom lines), and "Creative Space," (functional furniture).

Missing from the plant are conventional wood yards with acres and acres of stacked lumber drying in the open. Instead, high-density manufactured wood panels are printed with a beautiful simulated wood-grain finish, then precision-cut to specific sizes on computer-operated saws, and squared to exact tolerances.

The process used to achieve the wood-grain effect on the core stock is so authentic (down to simulated "distress marks") that the finished product is virtually indistinguishable from

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Tentative School Budget Adopted For 1978 - 79

Following a workshop on the budget held on February 1 and a review of a draft of that budget at a regular meeting on February 10, the Board of approved unanimously a budget for 1978-79 in the amount of $3,377,587 or an increase of $248,897 over the present budget. Maintaining a curriculum and instructional program that is of a high level of effectiveness is a responsibility of school officials and the citizens of the county. Operating the system as efficiently as possible is a commitment public officials have to the citizens. Employees of the school system deserve and should receive compensation which is generally comparable to employees in surrounding rural school divisions. Maintaining and improving school facilities and equipment are essential for the present comfort and convenience of students and employees, as well as the savings which will result.

A seven percent increase is included in the budget for teachers and other employees. The salary scale for teachers will begin at $9,000 and go to a maximum of $13,000 in sixteen steps.

The beginning salary of $9,000 for 1978-79 represents more than a seven percent increase over the $8100 beginning salary for the current school year. However, of the 134 school divisions in the state, Appomattox ranks one hundred thirty in beginning salary.

Last year the system employed 36 new teachers. Being able to compete with surrounding divisions will enable Appomattox to continue to attract outstanding teachers.

Transportation and operating costs continue to rise. The projected increase in the budget in transportation for 1978-79 is $36,000 while in operation the increase is estimated at $31,000. These increases are created by the continuing rise in gas, oil, electricity and school buses.

Attendance Report

It was reported that the January attendance was the lowest during this school session. The percentage attendance for the division was 89.6. Sickness and weather conditions were contributing factors. However, attendance continues to be a concern of the school board and school personnel.

Parents are requested to work with the schools to assure that students attend classes unless there is sickness or emergencies. Regular attendance is essential for successful progress in school.

Special Education Plan

Regarding needs in the area of special education, a report was shared with the board that two additional teachers are needed for the 1978-79 session. To serve all students with speech handicaps will require an additional teacher to work with the present teacher in the speech program. Because of the number of emotionally disturbed students, it is necessary to employ a teacher to initiate a program in this area.

Funds for these two positions will come from federal allocations.